

RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTER IN THE PATSY T. MINK CENTRAL OAHU REGIONAL PARK THE K. MARK TAKAI VETERANS MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, subsection (a)(3) of Section 22-9.3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, states:

In exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site, facility or any portion thereof may be named for a person, or for a belief, ideal, concept or historical event of significance to the community, city, nation or world; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable K. Mark Takai ("Representative Takai"), who passed away on July 20, 2016, was born in the City and County of Honolulu on July 1, 1967 and raised by his parents Erik and Naomi in the Pearl City community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Takai's passion for public service began as a fourth grader at Waimalu Elementary School, where he served as a classroom representative, and continued at Pearl City High School, where he served as student body president and editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper before graduating in 1985; and

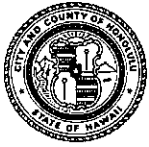
WHEREAS, Representative Takai combined his passion for public service with his love of swimming, becoming a two-time National High School All-American in the 100-yard breaststroke at Pearl City High School and a Western Athletic Conference swimming champion at the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Representative Takai graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Public Health degree; and

WHEREAS, Representative Takai pursued his passion for public service and was elected to the State of Hawaii House of Representatives in 1995 at the age of 27; and

WHEREAS, Representative Takai was a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in 1999. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009 and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in 2013; and

WHEREAS, after serving the State of Hawaii for nearly 20 years in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, Representative Takai was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2014, where he was named a member of the Armed Services Committee; and



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WHEREAS, throughout his life Representative Takai demonstrated a deep commitment to the people of Hawaii and a passion to serve his country, state and community, and did so with great dignity and aloha; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama described Representative Takai as a person who "stood up for America's most vulnerable" and "championed our troops and veterans, and proudly wore our nation's uniform"; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu feels that renaming the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center after the Honorable K. Mark Takai would be an appropriate way to honor Representative Takai's service to the people of Hawaii and the nation and his love of swimming; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park be renamed the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests the City administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of such signage at the park; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mrs. Sami Takai and the Takai ohana.

INTRODUCED BY:

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[Signature]

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

NOV 15 2016

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 11/15/16 By: RON MENOR

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION RENAMING THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTER IN THE PATSY T. MINK
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

12/01/16 COUNCIL RESOLUTION 16-301 WAS ADOPTED.

9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,
MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER